



Final reports released for plan to close Delta Cross Channel gates

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has released the final [environmental assessment](#) and the [finding of no significant impact](#) for the proposed annual closure of the Delta Cross Channel gates. Under the proposal, the gates would be closed for as many as 10 days in early October through 2016. It would be done to see if it improves the migration of fish, including Chinook salmon. The gates are on the Sacramento River and connect to Snodgrass Slough. Details are available in this [news release](#).

November meeting dates set for DSC, water commission

Upcoming meetings related to the Delta include the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) on Nov. 15 and 16, in West Sacramento. The agenda is still being developed and will be posted [here](#) when available. The California Water Commission is meeting Wednesday Nov. 14, in Sacramento. Discussion of issues regarding public benefits of water projects is on the [agenda](#).

Discussions begin about creating a new brand for the Delta

The latest [newsletter](#) from the Delta Conservancy includes a look at efforts to promote the Delta as one of California's new getaway destinations. The early steps have involved discussions about ways to create a brand for the region. The newsletter also has an article on some of the history behind the construction of the Delta's levees.

Fish & Wildlife's Bay-Delta website takes on a new look

The website for the [Bay-Delta Office](#) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been given a makeover. The new design is intended to make more information available and make the site more user-friendly. It is patterned after the website for the [Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office](#). The Bay-Delta Fish and Wildlife Office was created in 2009 to address specific needs of the Delta and the San Francisco Estuary.



FloodSAFE Focus details PSP plans for \$9 million in funding

The latest edition of [FloodSAFE Focus](#) provides a look at a set of tools to help flood managers study potential implementation projects under the [2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan](#). The newsletter also has details on plans by the Urban Streams Restoration program to release a draft proposal solicitation package (PSP) for approximately \$9 million in funding.

Chemicals of concern get attention in California water report

The State Water Resources Control Board has posted a report on dealing with chemicals being found in our water. [Monitoring Strategies for Chemicals of Emerging Concern \(CECs\) in California's Aquatic Ecosystems](#) was put together by a panel of scientific experts. The report includes four recommendations for developing a process to monitor CECs.



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